

[SENATE BILL, No 168]

SENATE, December 28, 1863 — Read first and second times, and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

[By Mr. SEMMES, from the Committee on Finance.]

A BILL

To be entitled An Act to provide for a new issue of treasury notes,
and for funding all such notes now outstanding.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*
2 *enact*, That no treasury note outstanding at the time of the pas-
3 sage of this act shall be receivable in payment of public dues, or
4 fundable after the day of , in the year 1864,
5 east of the Mississippi river, or after the day of
6 , west of the Mississippi river, but until the privilege of
7 funding is taken away, as above prescribed, all treasury notes
8 outstanding as aforesaid, shall be fundable in bonds payable
9 twenty years after their date, and bearing interest at the rate of
10 six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually—the said six per
11 cent. bonds to be taxable as other property: *Provided, however,*
12 That all holders of said treasury notes shall be allowed until the
13 funding privilege ceases at the times and places above prescribed,
14 to fund the same in bonds of the Confederate States, payable

15 twenty years after their date, and bearing interest at the rate of
 16 four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and the said
 17 four per cent. bonds shall never be taxed by the Confederate
 18 States, in principal or interest; and all holders of bonds or stock
 19 of the Confederate States, bearing interest at the rate of six per
 20 cent. per annum, or more, shall be allowed to exchange the same
 21 at par, for the said four per cent. bonds.

1 SEC 2. That after the passage of this act, the Secretary of
 2 the Treasury shall proceed to issue treasury notes to the amount
 3 of two hundred and fifty millions of dollars, which shall be pay-
 4 able two years after the ratification of a treaty of peace between
 5 the Confederate States and the United States, and receivable in
 6 payment of all public dues except the export duty on cotton, and
 7 such other dues as may be declared payable in specie only, and
 8 the said notes may be converted into call certificates, as hereto-
 9 fore, the said certificates to bear interest at the rate of three per
 10 cent. per annum, and to be reconvertible, at the pleasure of the
 11 holder. And the faith of the Government is hereby pledged
 12 that the issue of said treasury notes and call certificates shall not
 13 exceed the amount of two hundred and fifty millions of dollars, du-
 14 ring the year 1864, or the sum of two hundred millions of dollars
 15 during the year 1865, or any year thereafter during the war. And
 16 the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to cause fifty mil-
 17 lions of said treasury notes to be cancelled, after being collected

18 for taxes, or by the sale of bonds, during the year 1864; but the
19 Secretary of the Treasury may, at his discretion, reissue said
20 treasury notes, or replace them with new notes, so long as the
21 whole sum outstanding shall not be increased thereby beyond
22 the limits herein prescribed: *Provided*, That said treasury notes
23 shall not be fun lable at the pleasure of the holder.

1 SEC. 3. That 'all call certificates outstanding at the time of the
2 passage of this act shall cease to be reconvertible after the
3 day of , in the year 1864, east of the Mississippi river,
4 and after the day of , in the year 1864, west of
5 the Mississipi river, and all call certificates not reconverted
6 within the periods, and at the places above prescribed, shall be
7 deemed and considered four per cent. bonds, payable twenty
8 years after the date of the passage of this act, the interest pay-
9 able semi-annually.

1 SEC. 4. That any holder of treasury notes, outstanding at the
2 passage of this act, depositing said notes for the purpose of fund-
3 ing them, in compliance with the provisions of this act, shall be
4 allowed to take one-tenth of the amount so deposited in the new
5 issue of treasury notes hereinbefore provided for.

1 SEC. 5 That if any bank of deposit shall give its depositors the
2 said four per cent. bonds in exchange for their deposits, and
3 specify the same on the bonds by some distinctive mark or token,
4 to be agreed upon with the Secretary of the Treasury, then the

5 said depositor shall be entitled to receive the amount of said
6 bonds in treasury notes bearing no interest, and outstanding at
7 the passage of this act: *Provided*, That the said bonds are pre-
8 sented before the privilege of funding said notes shall cease, as
9 hereinbefore prescribed.

1 SEC. 6. That after the passage of this act, all authority hereto-
2 fore given to the Secretary of the Treasury to issue treasury
3 notes shall be, and is hereby, revoked, and all acts and parts of
4 acts are hereby repealed, so far as they may conflict with the
5 provisions of this act: *Provided, however*, That nothing herein
6 contained shall be so construed as to apply to the treasury notes
7 of a denomination less than five dollars, which have been, or may
8 be issued, according to law.